

REMARKS

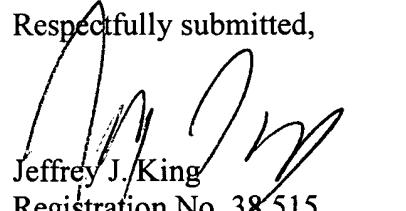
With entry of this amendment, claims 39, 44, 47-52, and 54-89 are pending in the application. By the previous Amendment, submitted October 18, 2006, claims 1-28, 38, 40-43, 45-46, and 53 were cancelled, without prejudice, claims 39 and 47-50 were amended, and new claims 55-89 were added. By the present Amendment, claims 48, 68, 71, and 81-84 have been amended for clarity in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. All of the amendments herein are supported by the disclosure, and no new matter has been added to the application. Entry of the foregoing amendments and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The principal Amendments to the claims herein were discussed in a telephone Interview between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, Jeffrey King, on November 14, 2006. The Examiner objected to non-sequential reference numbering (e.g., "fourth, fifth and sixth shells") in new claim 68 and certain claims dependent thereon, for alleged lack of antecedent basis. Applicant's representative agreed to the Examiner's proposed changes to use sequential numbering, as presented herein, for various structural terms, on the agreed basis that the original and amended usages are not inconsistent and remain clear in light of the specification and drawings.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. A formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

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